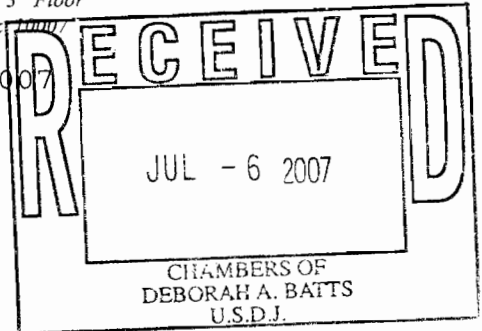


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**BY HAND**

The Honorable Deborah A. Battis  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 2510  
New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: Berroa v. United States, 07 Civ. 3521 (DAB)

Dear Judge Battis:

The Government writes respectfully to request a thirty-day extension of time, from July 6, 2007, to August 3, 2007, to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced action brought pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2671 et seq. We make this request because this Office has not yet received the agency file from the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), and will require time to review the file in order to respond to plaintiffs' allegations.

This is the Government's first request for an extension. Counsel for plaintiffs, Mark J. Linder, Esq., consents to the Government's request.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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**SO ORDERED**

DEBORAH A. BATTS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

July 6, 2007

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